

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Harold Vann upon receiving the prestigious Tennessee Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award.

WHEREAS, once in a great while, the serendipitous hand of destiny places in our midst an individual whose exceedingly rare combination of talents and abilities serves to shape an entire profession: such a man is Dr. Harold Vann; and

WHEREAS, endowed with uncommon insight, wisdom, skill, and a genuine interest in the welfare of others, Dr. Vann has made significant contributions to pediatric care in our great state; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold Vann was recently one of only three recipients in our state to receive the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association, an appropriate accolade to an exemplary public servant and true humanitarian; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vann was recognized with this high honor for his unflagging efforts to reshape TennCare as former president of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and for his efforts to establish KidsCare, a pediatric clinic devoted to serving TennCare patients in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vann began his illustrious career after earning his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Medical School and completing pediatrics residencies at the City of Memphis Hospital and Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, having committed his life to the health and welfare of our children, Dr. Vann was a treasured pediatrician in Clarksville for 37 years until his retirement this January; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his dedication and diligent application in the field of pediatrics, Dr. Vann was appointed Chief of Pediatrics and Chief of Staff at Clarksville Memorial Hospital

and was asked to serve as a member of the Tennessee Prenatal Subcommittee on Levels of Care; and

WHEREAS, ever one to seek enhancement of the caregiving capacity of the healing arts, Dr. Vann has long been an active and devoted member of the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Tennessee Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and has served as a member of the Credentializing Committee for Cigna Insurance; and

WHEREAS, friends and colleagues know Dr. Vann as “an innovator and leader”, and he has been praised for his tireless crusade to reshape and reform medical services for less fortunate children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vann was essential in the efforts to establish the KidsCare clinic in Montgomery County and, as a result, many more children enrolled in TennCare have access to and receive quality medical care; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Dr. Harold Vann has represented the highest ideals of the health care profession, and it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should acknowledge their profound appreciation and gratitude to one of Tennessee’s greatest contributors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Harold Vann, a most deserving recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.